

REMARKS

Claim 12 has been amended. Claims 14-16 have been cancelled. Claims 1-13 and 17-47 remain in the application. Further examination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, is hereby requested.

On page 3 of the Office Action the Examiner rejected claims 1-11, 17-28, 29-42 and 43-47 under the nonstatutory double patenting doctrine. All of the rejected claims are with respect to claims in commonly assigned US Patent Application No. 6,806,488B2. Applicants are submitting herewith a terminal disclaimer to overcome the rejection. Both 6,806,488B2 (see Reel/Frame: 014061/0492) and the current application are commonly assigned to Hewlett-Packard Development Co., LP, a Texas Limited Partnership and a wholly owned subsidiary of Hewlett-Packard Co. Withdrawal of the rejection for claims 1-11, 17-28, 29-42, and 43-47 is respectfully requested.

On page 6 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 12-13 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Ramamoorthi et al., US 6,806,488B2. Applicants have amended claim 12 to include the limitations of claim 14 which was indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim (claim 12) and any intervening claims (none). Accordingly, claim 12, as amended, is believed patentable over the art made of record. Claim 13 is dependent upon claim 12, as amended, is according patentable based at least on the patentability of claim 12. Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 USC 102(e) for claims 12-13 is respectfully requested.

On page 7, the Examiner objected to claim 14 but indicated it would be allowable if amended to include the base and intervening claim limitations. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the allowance of this claim. The limitations of claim 14 have been incorporated into claim 12 as discussed above.

Applicants believe their claims as amended are patentable over the art of record, and that the amendments made herein are within the scope of a search properly conducted under the provisions of MPEP 904.02. Accordingly, claims 1-13 and 17-47 are deemed to be in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the Application other than in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

5 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2025. Should such fees be associated with an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this paper be considered a petition therefore.

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